

WONDERS OF AMERICA.

It is not for Americans to speak of the antiquity of their nation, or of cities laden with the art and lore of centuries. We cannot point to the great accomplishments of ancient nations, for we have none of them. We cannot lay a finger on the historic page and say, "Thus did we conquer," for we have no such page. We cannot exhibit our unparalleled progress and we can challenge the countries of the Old World to produce the like of some results which a few decades have served to develop upon our soil. We have some wonders, natural and the consummation of our peculiar energy, which command attention as the greatest of their kind on the face of the earth. Among these are the following:

The falls of the Niagara, which form the greatest cataract in the world. A river three quarters of a mile in width, fed by the waters of three great lakes, is suddenly contracted in its course and plunged over vast rocky cliffs in two columns, to the depth of nearly two hundred feet.

There are other water falls on our soil which exhibit most striking characteristics, although far exceeded by Niagara in the volume of water discharged. In the Yo-Semite Valley there are several falls, one of which has a total depth, made by three leaps, of 2,684 feet. The Bridal Veil fall, in the same remarkable valley, has a depth of 940 feet, and the Royal Arch fall, 1,500 feet. Besides the Yo-Semite Valley, affords the finest scenery of a varied character, in a region of limited extent, known to man. It is only accessible at the lower end by two trails that abruptly descend 2,000 feet. The walls for six miles are nearly vertical, and in some places are a mile in height, and are composed of pure white granite. The Valley is only a mile and a half wide at the broadest part, and in most places is less than a half mile. This adds to the apparent height of the perpendicular walls on either side.

The New York Croton Aqueduct, the largest and finest work of the kind in the world. Its length is over forty miles, and it cost twelve and a half million dollars. In its course it passes over a bridge 1,400 feet long and 144 feet high, which is a splendid triumph of architectural skill.

The Mammoth Cave of Kentucky the largest and most interesting cave in the world, wherein one may make a voyage on a subterranean lake and catch fish without eyes.

The Philadelphia City Park, the most extensive public garden under the control of municipal government in the world. Its area comprises twenty-nine hundred acres.

The largest river in the world is the Mississippi, four thousand one hundred miles long, irrigating a valley of the richest fertility, whose extent is four hundred thousand square miles.

The Pacific Railroad, over three thousand miles in length, an spanning a whole continent, from ocean to ocean.

The Iron Mountain of Missouri, which is regarded the greatest mass of solid iron in the world. It is three hundred and fifty feet high and two miles in circuit.

Chicago, the leading grain port of the world, and so far as we know, the most rapidly developed city in wealth and population the world has known. In 1831 there were twelve families settled on its site. In 1840 the census returns showed a population of 4,470. In 1860, 110,773, and in 1897, the number of inhabitants exceeded 200,000.

Besides these "wonders," there are other interesting features which might be cited, were we disposed to compare our national resources with those of other countries; such, for instance, are the apparently exhaustless deposits of gold and silver in California and the Rocky Mountain Territory; of anthracite and bituminous coal, especially the former, in Pennsylvania, of copper in the Lake Superior region, and of petroleum in many parts of the Union.

When one calmly reflects upon the past history of our nation, and contemplates the wonderful progress made within a few brief years, his imagination can scarcely span the possible advancement of the next hundred years.—*Encyclopedic Journal.*

The legal Michiganders have just defeated the amendment to strike the word "white" from the State constitution. Let Ben Butler have Michigan reconstructed at once.

"Who is that lovely girl?" exclaimed the *Wing* Lady Newbury, in company with his friend, Counselor Crampton. "Miss Crampton," replied the husband. "Gladly," he returned the question, "I should often be intoxicated could I place such a glass to my lips."

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